

Deployment 101: Information for servicemember and family

It's their first deployment. They leave in May for Iraq. Four missile maintainers, from different parts of the country, will spend summer of 2005 in the hottest, most hostile environment an Airman could experience. And they volunteered. "They are great Airmen," said Master Sergeant Preston Stafford, 90th Missile Operations Squadron Maintenance Programs Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. "I'm doing everything I can to make sure every need they have is taken care of--from being in contact with their family, to supplies, to anything else they need. They are heros."



Name: Armando Geneyro
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Lampoc, Calif.
Thing he won't forget to take: "MP3 Player. I just got it. It's already got 600 songs on it."
What people have told him about deployment: "Be aware of your surroundings."



Name: Craig Reece
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Independence, Mo.
Thing he won't forget to take: "Baby wipes. Everybody says take baby wipes."
What people have told him about deployment: "It's a really good way to see other services and gain experience."



Name: Will Band
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Rosenberg, Texas
Thing he won't forget to take: "A camera--to remember everything."
What he says about deploying: "We don't get to deploy that much, and I just want to help my country."



Name: Kyle Shebat
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Lubbock, Texas
Thing he won't forget to take: "A camera. I want to show my family the good work we are doing there."
What he says about deploying: "My dad was an Army Ranger in Vietnam so he understands. My mom is nervous."

Volunteers requested for Air Force extended deployments

Courtesy article

The Air Force Chief of Staff has directed certain key and critical Central Command joint task force positions in the area of operations to be filled by Airmen serving on one-year extended deployments based on CENTCOM's request for increased stability and continuity of operations within theater. The Air Force will begin assigning personnel into these key billets immediately, with all members scheduled to be in place by August. Air Force Personnel Command will initially solicit for enlisted volunteers via equal plus and officer volunteers through functional channels.

All volunteers must obtain the concurrence of their commander prior to being considered. If an inadequate number of enlisted volunteers are identified, AFPC will use established short tour selection procedures. Eligible non-volunteers must have a minimum of 12 months time on station to be considered. Members returning from 120-day (or longer) Air Expeditionary Force rotation or other contingency deployment less than six months prior to the date required in place will be exempt. AFPC will provide backfills, on a case-by-case basis, for all personnel selected for extended

deployment. Personnel will have the option to request a follow-on assignment or elect to remain at their home station upon return from the extended TDY, manning permitting. Special elements exist for people who have retention issues. Specific benefits and entitlements for personnel selected will be outlined in a forthcoming military personnel flight memorandum. Members serving 181 days or more of the temporary duty assignment will receive short tour credit. If you have specific concerns, contact the 90th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Readiness at 773-3608.

What's in your bag?

Standard deployment bag items

A-Bag Insect repellent Poncho Mess kit Pistol web belt Ammunition pouch Canteen Sleeping bag Helmet A-3 bag First aid kit FLAK vest	B-Bag Cold weather mittens Cold weather pile cap Extreme cold weather boots Heavy wool socks Cold weather parka A-3 Bag	C-Bag 291 and 295 Decontamination kit Filter canisters Chemical warfare mask Mask hood M8 and M9 paper blocks Cotton glove inserts Protective over garment NBC glove set Protective over boot A-3 bag
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10 RESOURCES FOR THE FAMILY OF DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBERS

1. WARREN'S FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
2. WARREN SPOUSES CLUB
3. CHAPLAIN
4. RED CROSS
5. SERVICES WEB SITE (www.90svs.com)
6. 90TH SPACE WING LEGAL OFFICE
7. WARREN'S FINANCE OFFICE
8. THE WARREN SENTINEL
9. [WWW.AFCROSSROADS.COM](http://www.afcrossroads.com)
10. ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

Family Care Plan vital to deployment process

Article courtesy of www.afcrossroads.com

All military members married to military members and single-parent military members with minor children must have a Family Member Care Certification or Child Care Plan. Family care plans alleviate some of the pressures involved in deployment, mobilization, training, etc. The plans allow you to concentrate on your mission and be more productive. Family Care Plans include information as to how you want family business conducted in your absence. Also, included in this plan are forms, instructions for care, legal authorizations, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people involved in the Family Care Plan. With no time to prepare a Family Care Plan in the midst of departure, it is essential to have a plan before the mobilization or TDY. Check with your orderly room and Family Support Center for assistance in developing your plan. Review AFI 36-2908 for further information.

Gifts from the homefront

AAFES offers two programs to help deployed servicemembers cope

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Manager, Base Exchange

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service program called "Gifts From the Homefront" continues to be a popular option for individual and civic organizations. "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates can be purchased for use by both deployed members to purchase goods already stocked at contingency locations or families at their local exchange. "Gifts from the Homefront" is a safe alternative to traditional care packages that place unnecessary strain on the military

mail system. Servicemembers can purchase exactly what they need with the certificates because they can be applied to a wide range of products. Reports from Iraq have indicated the certificates are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for those all-important calls home. "Gifts From the Homefront," available in denominations of \$10, \$20 or \$25, can also be purchased by logging on to www.aafes.com or calling 877-770-4438. From there, "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates are sent to individual servicemembers

(designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House or USO. "Gifts From the Homefront" can be purchased by anyone, but only authorized military customers can redeem them at AAFES facilities throughout the world, including 54 locations in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. AAFES Prepaid Phone Cards are also a popular option so servicemembers can stay in touch with friends and family. Anyone can log on to www.aafes.com and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, those

wishing to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation. You can find out more about "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" at: <https://thor.aafes.com/scs/default.aspx> <http://www.aafes.com/pa/news/03news/03-005.htm>